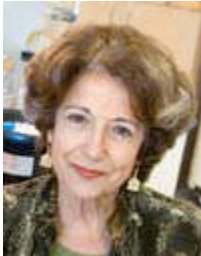


Breast Cancer Expert Gets International Award



The French National Institute for Health and Medical Research (INSERM) has given Berkeley Lab life scientist **Mina Bissell** its “Annual International Award,” given to those in science, medicine or public health who have “motivated and reinforced international exchange and collaboration in terms of innovation and improvement of excellence and the transfer of fundamental research to clinical research and public health.” Bissell was recognized for her “three decades of creativity, focus and tenacity to uncover the essential role of cell and matrix topology in carcinogenesis with recent elucidation of the mechanisms by which tissue geometry can control branching morphogenesis by defining the local microenvironment.”

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Re.: 2007 Inserm International Award

Dear Doctor Bissell,

Inserm, with the support of the Ministry of Research and the Ministry of Health, has created in 2004 an “Annual International Award” for an outstanding individual in science, medicine or public health that has motivated and reinforced international exchange and collaboration in terms of innovation and improvement of excellence and the transfer of fundamental research to clinical research and public health.

As the Director General of Inserm, I am honored to inform you that you have been selected as the outstanding international individual scientist to receive the “2007 Inserm International Annual Award” to be given on December the 4th 2007 at the “College de France” in Paris.

Your work spans three decades of creativity, focus and tenacity to uncover the essential role of cell and matrix topology in carcinogenesis with recent elucidation of the mechanisms by which tissue geometry can control branching morphogenesis by defining the local microenvironment. Your work has already significantly benefited sciences and medicine and grows in ever increasing directions.

We are assured that through your acceptance, we may further demonstrate and promote that such work and noble scientific values will continue to meet with the international challenge of shared visions and human values.

A small booklet collecting interviews and photos of the 2007 Inserm laureates will be prepared to celebrate this event. The Inserm Communication Department will contact you in a few days to organize the modalities of interview and photo shoot, as well as to make the necessary travel arrangements.

I look forward to this ceremony.

Yours sincerely,

Christian BRECHOT